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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary
                  Open Source Action Group
                  Intelligence Community Staff

FROM: Philip K. Eckman
                  Director of Research and Development

SUBJECT: Authority for Open Source Exploitation

REFERENCE: Your Memorandum dtd 12 June 1985, Same Subject

   1. In response to the referenced memorandum, please be advised that the Office of Research and Development (ORD) does not exploit open-source information. Therefore, we cannot respond to your request for a list of the authorities under which we exploit such information.

   2. ORD does conduct research on behalf of the Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) to help develop better methods for FBIS exploitation of open-source information. However, such research has been mainly in the area of analytic aids and text retrieval. The research is applicable to all-source information, not just open-source material. We plan to brief the OSAG on this research during our presentation on 17 July.

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